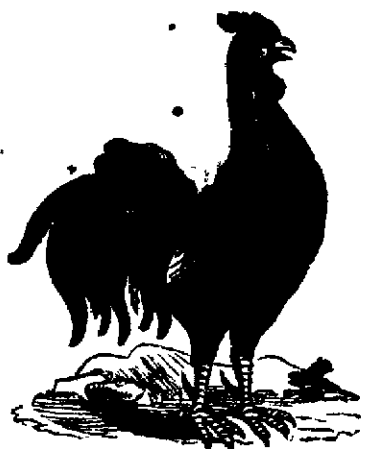


Glorious News!



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Best \$10 Suits Ever Shown in the City

Also, a Complete Line of Nobby and Well-made Suits of all prices.

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OUR PLATFORM IS Fair, Square and Honorable Dealings, Protection to our Patrons, Eternal Warfare against Monopoly and High Prices.

J. R. RACE & CO.

Oct. 23, 1881—d&w

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Great Advantage!

Of trading **STRICTLY FOR CASH**, is being fully appreciated by the **LARGE CROWDS** who are daily securing the **TREMENDOUS BARGAINS** now shown at the

POPULAR NEW YORK STORE!

A run through the market with cash in hand has secured for us—

7,480 yds. of wide heavy Winter Dress Goods, to be sold at 12½ cts. These goods have fine all-wool filling; colors black and dark seal brown. Manufacturers take a heavy loss on them, as they cost 42½ cts. a yard to make.

Over 10,000 yds. of Fancy Cotton Dress Goods, in Beautiful New Styles. Prices range from 6½ cts. a yard up to 10, and choice 12½ cts.

Superb Assortment of Black French Cashmeres, all wool, from 37½ to 75 cts.; no fancy prices, but every piece a decided bargain.

Heavy Black Gros Grain Trimming Silks, 50 cts.; worth 75 cts. **BEAUTIFUL BLACK SATIN** at 75 cts. and \$1.00; worth \$1.00 and \$1.25.

All the Novelties in Fancy and Brocade Trimmings, at greatly reduced prices.

Beautiful Dress Buttons, at 5, 8, 10 to 15 cts. a dozen.

Complete Assortment of Ribbons, at Lowest New York prices.

A large line of Gloves, Ruches, Ties, Veilings, Fichus, Laces, Jet Back Combs and fashionable Jet Hair Ornaments. Prices temptingly low. Hosiery, from 5c a pair up to the best all-wool, and a good assortment of every kind.

Bargains in Merino Underwear of all kinds, bargains in Canton Flannels, Sheetings, Jeans, &c.

Special inducements in Fashionable Dolmans, Cloaks, Shawls, Blankets and all Woolen Goods.

Elegant Assortment of Knit Hoods, very cheap.

And so we might keep on enumerating all day and then miss the very thing you want; but, no matter what it is, rest assured we have got it, and at the right price, too. So come and see us anyway and bring this advertisement along, as we offer a reward to any one who can find a single word or figure in our announcements that may seem to be in the least degree deceptive or misleading, you will find us square, and goods and prices satisfactory, or money cheerfully returned. **THESE ARE FAIR and EASY TERMS WHICH NO OTHER HOUSE WILL OFFER EXCEPT THE**

POPULAR NEW YORK STORE,

21 WATER STREET.

Decatur, Ill., Dec. 8, 1880.

Had Been Out of the United States. "When I was abroad," remarked Mr. McQuint, "I—"

"You what," exclaimed Robb, "when you were abroad? Why hang it, I have known you all my life, and to my certain knowledge you have never been out of Arkansas. I would not bet that you were ever 50 miles from Little Rock."

"You will please excuse me," continued McQuint, "but I'll bet \$25 that I went out of the United States some time ago."

"I'll take you. Put up."

The money was given to a stake holder.

"Now," said Robb, "prove your assertions."

"I said that I had been out of the United States, didn't I?"

"Yes."

"Well, I have."

"When?"

"In 1861 when Arkansas went out of the Union."

"The bet was declared in McQuint's favor."

THE Louisville Courier-Journal, noting the fact that Chicago is eleven miles square, says that if it were "any smaller the feet of some of the Chicago girls would intrude upon the rural districts."

THE London Observer thinks Ireland's complaints of land tenure and rents are like those of American colonists about the stamp act and similar measures—only a blind to the real desire for national independence.

AN Indian baby was recently born with two heads, and its parents having been offered a large sum for it, are of opinion that there is some truth in the old adage, that "two heads are better than one."

DR. SWING says that women in time will develop into angels. Perhaps so; but it seems to us an angel would present a somewhat singular appearance in a Da Vinci hat, tight fitting Jersey, fifteen-button kids, clocked stockings and French heeled shoes.

A CORRESPONDENT who claims to know what he is writing about expresses the belief that the mother of the President-elect will not be a lay figure in the White House. Though 79 years old, she is yet vigorous, acute and sagacious, and Gen. Garfield is greatly attached to her and always eager to show his love for her.

NEW JERSEY is full of leafless apple trees that are still laden with fruit.

"HANDS wanted on boys' pants," is the daily advertisement in the newspapers. 'Twas always thus from childhood's hour.

AN HONEST MEDICINE FREE OF CHARGE.

Of all medicines advertised to cure any affection of the Throat, Chest or Lungs, where everything else has failed. No medicine can show one-half so many positive cures as Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, Coughs, Colds, Asthma, Bronchitis, Hay Fever, Hoarseness, Tickling in the Throat, loss of voice, etc. This medicine does positively cure, and that it is a permanent cure has already been effected by this truly wonderful remedy. For Asthma and Bronchitis it is a specific cure, curing the very worst cases in the shortest possible time. We say by all means give it a trial. Trial bottles free. Regular size, \$1. For sale by Hubbard & Swearingen, Decatur, Ill.

For honest goods in the jewelry line at lowest prices go to J. L. Knicker, No. 30, Merchant street. Repairing of watches, clocks and jewelry guaranteed to give entire satisfaction. Sep8-d&w

Cash Does the Business.

We buy for cash, buy cheap, sell on low margins, try to get the best made and most durable goods that we can find, try to please our customers, never make any misrepresentations knowingly, always willing to correct mistakes, want your trade. Come and see us; we are always glad to see old friends and make new ones. BARNER & BAKER. d&w

Homeopathic Remedies And McCormack Bros' Family Guide Chart, for sale at Dr. A. J. Stoner's drug store, Decatur, Ill. (Nov 7-d&w)

If you want mill feed, corn or oats you can be supplied at SHELLBARROW'S. Dec. 18—d&w

You can get your choice of those large chromos in walnut frames for \$1.00, at J. M. Stookley & Co's. Sept. 18—d&w

WE WANT your custom, and think we can offer you inducements if you will come and see us, which will be sufficient to satisfy you that our store is the best place in town to trade. Bargains are to be had every day this spring. BARNER & BAKER d&w

We keep everything in our line; low shoes, high shoes, big shoes, little shoes, broad shoes, narrow shoes, fine shoes or coarse shoes, and if you want any other kind of a shoe we will order it for you. We aim to please. Call and see us. d&w

If you want good bread buy at Milam's bakery. 24-dt

To Rent. A two-story furnished house, within two blocks of the post office. Address Lock box 63. nov15-dt

OVER 135,000 Howe Scales sold. Borden, Selleck & Co., agents, Chicago, Ill. Sept11-d&w

B. STINE,

"Boss Clothier!"

OFFERS TO THE TRADE THE LARGEST STOCK OF

Overcoats, Ulsters and Ulsterettes

IN MEN'S, YOUTHS, BOYS' and CHILDREN'S.

EVER EXHIBITED IN THIS MARKET.

OUR ASSORTMENT IS SIMPLY IMMENSE,

OUR PRICES DEFY ANY AND ALL COMPETITION.

\$5.00 will buy a substantial Overcoat.
\$7.50 buys a Dressy Overcoat.
\$10.00 takes a Stunner.
\$12.50 buys a Fine Beaver.
Our \$15.00 Coat is simply immense.
\$18.00, \$20.00 and \$22.00 buys the finest Ready-made Overcoats in market.

In short, we can suit you, please you, fit you, and all your friends. Bring them in and take yourself along with them. Always on hand!

B. STINE,
The "Boss Clothier!"
Dealer in all kinds of
CLOTHING!
For Men, Youths, Boys and Children and plenty to go around.
Nov. 12, 1880—d&w

Opera House, Monday Evening, Dec. 13.

JAY RIAL'S
MAMMOTH HUMPTY DUMPTY
AND
RAVEL PANTOMIME TROUPE,
WITH THE ORIGINAL AND ONLY
CHINESE.

Admission
TO ALL
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Reserved
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The Celebrated Trans-Atlantic Novelty Company.

THE GREAT LONDON DOG CIRCUS.

3 GREAT ENTERTAINMENTS COMBINED IN ONE. 3

Each Feature Alone Worth the Price of Admission.

RIAL'S "REVIVAL"
First Production of "Humpty Dumpty" at the Academy Last Evening.
"Humpty Dumpty" always draws well. Omaha Nick Roberts had large houses, as did also Tony Demer, but Jay Rial's company rescued the play, evening both in point of attendance and artistic performance. Long before the opening night the crowd poured into the hallways, fairly carrying away the portable ticket office in their first endeavors to gain admittance. The company's tedious introduction to the pantomime was so abbreviated, jumping at once into the first piece, a change that was greatly appreciated by the large audience. Grimaldi's clown, as usual, was far ahead of the expectation of many who were not who have, from his many appearances, gained the faith to Grimaldi's. He showed his "trick" up to the standard and kept the house in a roar of laughter.—Omaha Herald, Oct. 3, 1880.

FUN FOR THE MILLIONS.
One of the best—guess we better say the best—performances that has ever struck this town, struck.

Remember the Date and Prices. Admission, 25c. Reserved Seats, 35c.

Seats for sale at Curtis & Co's Jewelry Store.

Franz Lot Black Bentzings just received by Linn & Seeger. d&w

An elegant assortment of *Neals' Carved Goods*, suitable for wedding weddings and other occasions, at J. M. Stookley & Co's. Nov. 19—d&w

Mrs. Grindel, at her boarding house No. 11 West Main street, can furnish boarding and rooms by the day or week for a few more boarders; fare good, and price very reasonable. March 3—dt

"CHEAP CHARLEY'S" CORNER.



We Have an Immense Quantity of Them!

And we will furnish at GOOD QUALITY AND STILL COMBINED WITH LOW PRICES. IS AN INDUCEMENT. WE MEAN

OUR OVERCOATS AND SUITS.

FOR MEN, BOYS OR CHILDREN,

OF OUR OWN MANUFACTURING, and sold with only a manufacturer's profit.

THIS season is a peculiar season. Some clothing men who at their goods from Manufacturers and Jobbers, had to put an inferior article of clothing, such as "faffet, Union Cloth or 'suddy," in their stock, for the sake of apparently meeting the prices which we, as manufacturers of our own goods, quote for our all-wool garments. Only our close attention to the manufacturing, and to the market, enables us to guarantee the articles sold, and to uphold the rule (which we were the first to establish in the west), of returning the money for anything bought of us, and not satisfactory after return it returned not sold.

AS FORMERLY, WE ONLY SOLICIT INSPECTION and COMPARISON

OUR GOODS AND PRICES DO THE TALKING!

"CHEAP CHARLEY."

KAUFMANN & BACHRACH
Manufacturers of
MEN'S AND BOYS' Clothing!
Dealers in
Goods for Men's Wear.
Cor. East Main & Water Sts.
DECATUR.
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Oct. 21—d&w



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J. H. VENNIGERHOLZ,
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL DEALER IN
ANTHRACITE AND BITUMINOUS COAL,
OF THE BEST GRADES.

Sole Agent for **MT. OLIVE COAL**, and also for the **DELAWARE AND HUDSON CANAL COMPANY'S LACKAWANNA.**

Office and yard adjoining Decatur Furniture Company's Factory. Telephone at Ashby & Address.
Sept 7—d&w

HOLIDAY GOODS!

W. R. ABBOTT & CO.,

The old and reliable jewelers of the city, have the largest and most complete assortment of

GOLD AND SILVER WATCHES!

RICH SILVERWARE

FINE JEWELRY,

FANCY GOODS,

Ever shown in Decatur. Their stock is very complete and embraces all the Novelties in their line. You will find their prices lower than any other firm in the city. All goods purchased at this House will be

Engraved Free of Charge.

Do not fail to see this stock before you buy anything in that line.
Dec. 8, 1880—d&w

CITY DEPARTMENT.

LIBRARY LAMPS, decorated chamber sets, hobby horses, beautiful vases, doll buggies, and lovely dolls to put into them, at E. B. BARTHOLOMEW & Co.'s. Hear the Bergers to-night.

CHURCH social to-night at the tabernacle. Admission, 10 cents. Get your dinner there to-morrow.

SILK book marks at Stookey & Co.'s. Dec. 9-d&wtf

THE infant son of J. N. Odor, residing five miles southwest of Decatur, died last night. The funeral will take place from Salem church to-morrow forenoon at 11 o'clock.

COAT, or no coat, Niedermyer, on the mound, will continue to sell nice golden honey.

BUY a Davis Sewing Machine for a present from Stookey & Co. [dec9-d&wtf]

TRUNKS hats as low as \$1 at M. Falconer's and all other goods remarkably cheap. 20-dtf.

SEVEN stoves will supply the genial warmth of a summer sun at the tabernacle this evening. The Methodist ladies invite you to come and see them. The room was quite comfortable at 10 o'clock this forenoon.

NEW York saddle rock oysters and shell clams, at Miller's Oyster House. 8-3d

FLANNELLED shoes and slippers, at J. W. Baker's. (Nov-2d&wtf)

GOONS purchased at Young Bros.' popular grocery store, promptly delivered to any part of the city free of charge.

THE next social party of note will be the grand charity ball to be given during holiday week. There are many destitute people in Decatur deserving of the generosity of well-to-do benevolent citizens, and this ball will give all such an excellent opportunity to "cast their bread upon the waters" and spend an evening most delightfully. Get your dollars ready for the ladies.

CHRISTMAS trees ornaments, in great variety; wax candles and candle-holders, at 8-d&wtf

PURCHASE splendid buckwheat flour and pure Vermont maple syrup at Peter Ulrich's.

FIRST-CLASS upholstery done at P. B. Provost & Son's. 2-d

THE Wabash, St. Louis & Pacific Railway Company announces that in order to enable all to enjoy a merry Christmas and a happy New Year, round trip tickets will be sold between all stations not more than 250 miles distant, at one and a third fare for the round trip. Tickets will be sold December 23, 24 and 25, and Dec. 30, 31 and Jan. 1, good to return up to and including Jan. 4, 1881.

PAY Joe McCrory a visit when in search of first class groceries. His store is on South Main street.

THE Wood street railroad crossing is oftentimes obstructed by cars being left across the sidewalks, thus causing foot-passengers to turn aside off the walk ten or twelve feet out into the road to get around them. Let it be stopped.

LADIES' STATIONERY, of the latest and handsomest city styles, just received at J. M. Stookey & Co.'s. [9-d&wtf]

WOOD has the finest, best and cheapest assortment of Christmas Candles in the city. 8-d&wtf

THE Governor has received the report of the Joliet Penitentiary for November, which shows 69 convicts received during the month, 73 discharged, and 1,492 in the prison Dec. 1, of whom 21 were females.

YOU just ought to see those lovely winter bouquets, baskets, crosses, and other beautiful designs for home decorations, now on exhibition at the tabernacle and to be sold this evening by the ladies of the First Methodist Church. They are made of colored dry grasses, and are greatly admired by all who have looked upon them. The ladies have also procured a large number of Pampas plumes, that were in such lively demand a year ago.

GET physician's prescriptions carefully prepared at Walters & Tyler's drug store; south side city park.

AS fine a lot of cattle as have ever been bought or sold in this market was bought to-day by Walzel, the well-known dealer in live stock, the seller being Col. J. D. Gillett, of Elkhardt, Ill. The lot consisted of 175 head, averaging 2,000 pounds each. They are destined for Fulton Market, New York, for Christmas beef, and will be shipped from the Union Stock Yards to-morrow—Chicago Evening Journal, 7th.

READ the holiday advertisement of Otto E. Curtis & Co., and then be sure to go into their store and take a look at their goods and ask their prices. Nov. 8-d&wtf

WE have the goods this year to please every one, and we will make our prices to suit you all. O. E. CURTIS & Co. 6d3wtf

GENTLEMEN'S FINE SLIPPERS, at J. W. BAKER'S. Nov. 10-dtf

AND still there is no let up on the war on passenger rates, as will appear from the following from a late Chicago paper:

"THE 'war' rates of the Alton & Wabash roads continue. The Wabash will very soon commence running its trains to the 13th street station, and then, most likely, sell tickets at the same price as charged by the Alton, as it will no longer have any excuse for the '\$1 differential.' That will be followed, perhaps, by a restoration of rates on all the lines—that is, rates will be restored to a higher figure than is now charged, but not so high as to enable speculators and 'scalpers' to throw upon the market the immense stock of unlimited tickets sold by the companies at the commencement of the war."

THOMAS J. LANDIS, conductor of a regular freight train running between Decatur and St. Louis, on the St. Louis Division of the Wabash railway, met with a painful accident at Staunton, Macoupin county, last evening at seven o'clock. The weather was freezing cold, and while the locomotive was engaged in switching, Mr. Landis, in order to expedite the work and assist his brakemen, stepped between two freight cars to make a coupling. He had his gloves on but would have accomplished his purpose without accident had the cars come together more slowly. As it was they came together with a crash, and the thumb of Mr. Landis' right hand was caught between the bumpers and mangled flat. A physician was at his side inside of 20 minutes, and the injured member was amputated below the first joint. Mr. Landis gave his train in charge of a brakeman, and arrived here last night on the accommodation. His thumb pained him so badly that Doctors Walton and Brown were called to attend him at Priest's hotel, where the surgeons again amputated the thumb above the second joint. Tom, who is a son-in-law of A. D. McNabb, has been on the railroad for 15 years, and never before received so much as a scratch.

OUR reporter visited the tabernacle this noon and found the energetic ladies of the congregation making extensive preparations for the First M. E. Church reception which will be inaugurated this evening. There will be three oyster, one candy, one doll, one floral, one fancy work and several refreshment tables, and to-morrow at 11 o'clock a magnificent public dinner, embracing all the substantial and obtainable delicacies of the winter season will be served at a nominal cost to all who come. Supper will also be served during to-morrow evening. The tabernacle will be kept warm and comfortable. Be sure and attend. Admission 10 cents.

WHEN taken before U. S. Commissioner Adams, at Springfield, on yesterday forenoon, John W. Knapp and Sarah A. Knapp, (an account of whose arrest near this city for forging pension papers, appeared in these columns on yesterday), waived examination, and failing to execute their recognizance in the sum of \$1,000 each for their appearance before the United States District Court of Iowa, at Keokuk, on the 18th day of January, 1881, a mittimus issued to convey them to jail. They were afterwards taken before Judge Treat, who ordered them transferred to Iowa, by placing them in the hands of the U. S. Marshal Root, of that state.

MICHAEL HACKETT is again a free man, and will probably arrive in the city this evening from Joliet. At the May term of the Macon county circuit court in 1877, Mr. Hackett was convicted of the crime of manslaughter, and was sentenced to serve eight years in the Illinois penitentiary. He has served three years and six months of the time. On yesterday (8th inst.) Governor Cullom granted the prisoner a pardon on the recommendation of a large number of prominent citizens of this county.

A CORRESPONDENT writes from Cerro Gordo that a Wabash freight train passed through that town on Tuesday night, and several of the cars were loaded with coal. The fuel famine has extended to Cerro Gordo, and while stopping for water a raid was made on the train, and notwithstanding the threats made by the conductor to shoot, one carload of coal was thrown off and taken to "the Lord knows where."

THE invitations are out announcing a grand masquerade ball to be given at Eldorado House, on Thursday evening next, Dec. 16th. The members of the three committees are John Twombly, Gen. Goodman, Lee Hall, Chas. Sanderson, P. Montag and W. F. Rawley. This will be the first ball masquerade of the present season, and will attract a large crowd of spectators and dancers.

THE celebrated Berger Family concert troupe—favorites with the people everywhere—arrived in the city to-day, and registered at the St. Nicholas. This afternoon the company's band, in gorgeous British uniforms, paraded the business streets dispensing excellent music. Attend the concert at the opera house this evening.

THE special attention of the reader is directed to the new advertisement of the old reliable jewelry firm of W. R. Abbott & Co., which appears in another column of this issue. These well-known jewelers—proprietors of a charming establishment at No. 9, East Main street—have recently made a splendid selection of new and beautiful goods in their line, especially suited for the holiday trade. The stock embraces gold and silver watches, rich silver ware, fine jewelry, and a full line of the latest novelties. Call on Abbott & Co. before making selections elsewhere. No trouble to show goods, and every article purchased there will be engraved free of charge.

JAY Ritz's Hammy Dumpty and Pantomime troupe, with the only and original clown, Grimaldi, will appear at the opera house on next Monday evening. The entertainment will doubtless draw out a very large audience, as the pantomime has, and ever will be, a great favorite with amusement goers. The company includes a number of first-class specialty artists, introducing the London dog circus, being the best trained animals in the world. The general price of admission is 25 cts., and 35 cents for reserved seats.

KNIGHTS of Honor. Regular meeting of Decatur Lodge, K. of H. will be held this evening at 7 o'clock sharp. A full attendance of the members is specially requested, as business of importance will come before the lodge. JAMES FREEMAN, Dictator. H. A. Wood, Recorder.

LARGEST line of Christmas cards at Stookey & Co.'s. [dec9-d&wtf]

BROUGHT HOME FOR BURIAL. The remains of the late William H. Fanning, whose death has been previously announced in these columns, arrived here from Carondelet, Mo., this noon. They were met at the union depot by members of Macon Lodge of Masons, who served as an escort to the late residence of the deceased, on East North street. The funeral will take place from the Baptist Church to-morrow (Friday) afternoon, at 2 o'clock.

THE following is the result of the inquest held by Coroner Frank, as reported in to-day's Globe-Democrat: At 4 o'clock in the afternoon an inquest was held over the body of Mr. William Henry Fanning, the agent in the Carondelet branch office of the Missouri Pacific railway, who was killed by switch engine No. 135, in Carondelet, Wednesday evening at about 5 o'clock. The witnesses examined were Mrs. Catharine Fanning, wife of the deceased; John Blocker, fireman of the engine; Gottlieb Stroobbe, the engineer; Lamar Curtis, yardmaster; and Hillary Beall, a clerk in the office. The verdict was of death by accident—nobody to blame—and the engineer and fireman who had been under arrest were accordingly released. The theory of the accident as developed in the testimony was that Mr. Fanning was walking on the track and fell from catching his foot on the rail. The only actual eye-witness was John Blocker, the fireman, who testified to striking his head out of the window of the cab, and seeing Mr. Fanning walking a little way from the engine. He called to the engineer, "Stop her; the old man is under," but the caution came too late; when the engine was reversed Mr. Fanning had already been crushed under the wheels. He was a native of New York, 30 years old, and resided in Decatur, Ill., whence his wife was summoned after the accident.

THE County Parliament. The board of supervisors, after having been in regular session since Monday afternoon, reached a final adjournment yesterday afternoon. A. T. Hill presided yesterday in the absence of E. J. Roberts, who was called from the city on Tuesday evening. The committee on public buildings was instructed to make a contract with a janitor for the court house and specify his duties. The proper committee was instructed to employ a county physician. During the afternoon of yesterday the board discussed the matter of employing regular and special bailiffs, but no action was taken except to notify the sheriff to be as economical as possible in such use of the county funds. A special bailiff, it was argued at some length, should not be paid as much per day as a regular bailiff (\$2.50), and the board thought the sheriff should allow "extras" compensation in proportion to the amount of labor performed, and only for the actual time employed. The board will meet again in regular session on the first Monday in March, 1881.

A Dramatic Treat. To-morrow night our theater-goers will have an opportunity of witnessing one of the most charming romantic dramas ever presented at the opera house, introducing the celebrated actor and author, Mr. John A. Stevens. Says the Cleveland Leader: The play "Unknown," produced by the Stevens Combination at the opera house last night, was evidently designed to win popular favor, and it will beyond a doubt, succeed; not alone because of its sensational features, but because there is much in the drama which is sure to command the admiration of the thoughtful as well. It is a singular and powerful romance, combining the elements of tragedy, comedy, pathos, sensation, burlesque—with all the rest, poetic sentiment. It presents the appearance of a well-arranged group of half a dozen tableaux, filled in and united with a plot particularly strong, which altogether forms a highly interesting story. Admission, 35, 50 and 75 cents.

MASSAGE. Macon Lodge No. 3, A. F. and A. M., will hold a special meeting this (Thursday) evening to make arrangements for the funeral of Bro. W. H. Fanning, member of Cache Lodge, No. 416, Carondelet, Mo. Members of Ionic Lodge No. 312 are requested to meet at same time and place. G. W. BRIGHT, W. M., J. S. McCLELLAND, W. M., Ionic Lodge No. 312.

NEW'S Underwear. At greatly reduced prices. 6-d&wtf CHEAP STORE, 118 1st.

READ THIS ORIGINAL POEM. The ladies of the First M. E. Church want to see all their relatives and friends at the Tabernacle, Thursday night and Friday. They will have oysters, and dolls, and music, and amusements, and games, and cake, and Christmas gifts and fancy goods, and articles useful and beautiful, and also good to eat. On Friday, at half-past eleven, a royal dinner will be served, lasting till after two. P. M. Turkey, without guests, will be furnished. Also everything good to eat, for thirty-five cents cash. Supper also from five till supper-time. A dime will be charged at supper. The door Thursday and Friday nights, except to those who take an early supper. Saint and dinner can get other articles. Let everybody come. Nov. 8-dtf

Splendid Skating CARD. The special attention of the public is called to the fact that I now have on sale a splendid line of the celebrated BARNES & BERRY Club Skates, ranging in price from 60 cents upward. To every one who purchases a pair of skates at my establishment, I will give a ticket good for the first grinding or sharpening. Call and see the fine array. H. MUELLER, Gunsmith and Plumber. 6-41w

SAMUEL A. HERRICK, Monterey, Mich., writes that Dr. Thomas' Electric Oil cannot be beat by any medicine for coughs and colds, and for rheumatism; it works like a charm. It has been thoroughly tried in this place and is a great demand. For sale by Dr. Stoner. dec9

LADIES' FINE SHOES at J. W. Baker's. Nov. 27-dtf

Eds. REPUBLICAN: I have been wrongfully treated by the honorable council of Decatur, without any consideration on their part, except taking petitioner's prayer in consideration, as that of Councilman Bunn. I am charged with selling liquor to Josephus Vest while he was intoxicated; also that I told his wife that I would continue to sell to him, as his 35 cents was as good as that of any other person. Now, I will swear that I did not sell to Josephus Vest anything whilst he was intoxicated, and that I never sold to him after being notified by his wife, and that I never told his wife or any person or persons what was stated in detail before the council; and if Hannah Vest, Mrs. Ward and Charlie Vest will appear before any justice of the peace and swear that I did, I will pay for the same. Hoping that these things will be taken into consideration by the people, I ask all good citizens, or the council, why the council did not notify me and give me some show for defense before revoking my license without a hearing. JOHN PUGHEN, Decatur, Ill., Dec. 9, 1880.

PERSONAL MENTION. Mrs. J. G. Roach, who has been spending the past summer among relatives and old friends in Kentucky, returned home on yesterday afternoon. Mrs. Lillie Condell, of St. Louis, who had been here on a flying visit to relatives, departed for her home on yesterday, going by way of Bloomington. Miss Clara Housman will entertain the members of the B. A. D. Club at her pleasant home on North Main street, to-morrow night. Prof. Leonard's parlor orchestra, of four pieces, will be there. Hon. E. O. Smith arrived in the city last night from San Jose, California, and will remain here for several weeks attending to business matters and greeting his numerous friends.

Mrs. George Montgomery, of San Jose, California, is visiting her aunt, Mrs. Samuel Rea. Mrs. Montgomery is a sister of the late Wm. Rea, and will be remembered by many of our old settlers. Mr. C. W. Brewster, Ventriquoil Humorist with the Bergers, will give a performance in ventriquoilism at the opera house to-night, introducing a family of block-heads, which is superb and irresistibly funny. He enjoys an extensive reputation in the East, and is endorsed as the finest ventriquoilist in the country.

Illinois Druggists in Convention. Mr. Henry Smith, the Water street Pharmacist, represented the interests of Decatur druggists at the called convention of Illinois druggists held at Springfield, on Tuesday and Wednesday of this week. The state organization effected is to be known as the "Illinois Pharmaceutical Association," with active and honorary members. Any druggist of good moral and professional standing is eligible for membership. The initiation fee was fixed at \$1, and the annual dues at \$2, for the first year, and those who have not signed were allowed six months in which to become members by sending their names and dues to the executive committee. The other provisions of the constitution and by-laws were similar to those of other like organizations. The following officers were selected for the ensuing year: President—W. W. Maranon, Bloomington. Vice President—Geo. D. Buck, Chicago. Second Vice President—F. C. Boren-scheidt, Peoria. Third Vice President—P. M. Nichols, Pana. Secretary—Frank Fleury, Springfield. Treasurer—Henry Smith, Decatur. Executive Committee—A. G. Vogler, Chicago; J. J. Shubert, Kankakee; Louis Van Patten, St. Charles.

There are 2,580 druggists in Illinois, and the association will present a bill called the "Pharmacy Act," to the next General Assembly of Illinois and urge its passage. The bill makes it unlawful for any but registered pharmacists to deal in drugs, medicines or poisons, prescribes the qualifications of pharmacists, and provides for a State Board of Pharmacy, the whole being modeled upon the existing Medical Practice Act and the pharmacy acts now in force in some of the Eastern States.

THE MARKETS. Following were the noon closing quotations at Holmes' "board of trade" room to-day: CHICAGO, Dec. 9.—Wheat—\$1.03 Dec.; \$1.03 1/2 Jan.; \$1.04 1/2 Feb. Corn—39 1/2 c Jan.; 39 1/2 c Feb.; 44 1/2 c May. Oats—32 1/2 c Jan.; 32 1/2 c Feb.; 30 1/2 c May. ST. LOUIS, Dec. 9.—Wheat—\$1.00 1/2 cash; \$1.00 1/2 Dec.; \$1.00 1/2 Jan.; \$1.00 1/2 Feb.; \$1.00 1/2 March. BAZZEMORE, Dec. 9.—Wheat, \$1.17 Dec.; \$1.10 Jan.; \$1.22 1/2 Feb.; \$1.31 1/2 March. Corn—50 c 50 c Dec. 30 c Jan. 60 c.

THE Naughtily Telephone. Cut this out and paste it up next your telephone instrument, and peruse it carefully again and again when you ring for the "central office" and it doesn't respond promptly to your repeated calls:

It is a somewhat singular fact that an ordinary sensible business man will put up with almost anything he makes use of except the telephone; but from that greatest invention of the century, the telephone instrument, that daily saves him more time and labor than all his other improvements put together, he won't stand the slightest annoyance. He turns it around; if the answer does not come instantly he swears. He tells the central office the person he wishes to speak with; if the bell does not tap him before he could count a dozen, he swears some more, and yows he could go and do the errand in half the time. A distressed housewife knows he cannot have put on his hat and got out of the door. The telephone is the best thing of the age to bring out human nature. A man will show more of himself in five minutes before this delicate little machine than in a year in ordinary ways. We recommend that the best use of this mirror in the world of the ordinary "directions"—that nobody reads—be made some of these frailties people, who think it strange that the telephone can't go out and harness up a horse for them, to see the latest and most approved specimen of a jackass.

ROMANTIC Advice. If I were going to buy a violin what method should I take to get it cheap? Buy it at the New York and London Music Store and then buy a bottle of Eucalyptic Oil. For I should not only get them cured but a phial in (Violin) For sale by Dr. A. J. Stoner. dec9

GO to A. J. Stoner's for Mrs. Freeman's National Dyes. For brightness and durability of color are unequalled. Color from 2 to 5 pounds. Price 15 cents. dec9

MACON COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT. December Term, 1880—Judge Smith Presiding. THURSDAY, DEC. 9. Court convened at 8:30 a. m. CHANCERY DOCKET. Martha E. Daly vs. Albert Daly et al.; chancery; motion for leave to withdraw answers of Amos Robinson, Lafayette Robinson, Alfred Robinson and Hugh H. Daly overruled, and leave granted defendants to amend answer. Fidella E. Armstrong vs. Daniel Spangler et al.; chancery; proof of publication made and Z. T. Hundley, Esq., appointed guardian for minors. Mary C. Gordon vs. Lewis W. Gordon, divorce; leave granted plaintiff to amend bill. John P. Biddle et al. vs. Charles F. Emery et al.; partition; A. G. Webber, Esq., appointed guardian for minors. John Trainer, county supt. of public schools, vs. David L. Allen et al.; foreclosure. On motion sale set aside, and another sale was ordered by the court. COMMON LAW DOCKET. The Home Savings Bank of St. Louis, Mo., vs. James Buckingham; attachment. Cause continued until next term of court to give time for legal publication. In the Trower case of Thomas Davis vs. the Wabash R'y Co., the demurrer to the second and third special pleas was sustained by the court, and leave was granted to amend. Edward O. Smith vs. John G. Shea and Samuel M. Brewer; set off; defendants defaulted, and they are made parties defendant to judgment heretofore rendered. Mary E. Scott vs. Richard R. Gordon; assumption; dismissed by plaintiff. Elias Moore vs. Norman Hagerman; trespass on the case; motion by defendant for rule on plaintiff to give security and costs, allowed. Time extended plaintiff to show cause why he should not do so to 1st Saturday morning. James Buckingham vs. Harry Gordon; distress for rent; default. The court assessed damages at \$250, and ordered that general and special executions issue. J. H. Kerrick & Co. vs. W. H. Wilson; replevin; plaintiff ordered to file a good bond by Tuesday next.

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Pawn Glasses and Parlor suits for sale by Ashby & Andrews. 14-d&wtf

Feed Store. I am running a first-class feed store at my old stand, near the post office. Hay, corn, oats, and all kinds of ground and mill-feed, at mill prices delivered at any place in the city. R. N. HAM. nov. 4-dtf

SEE the "Common Sense" Shoes, at J. W. Baker's. Nov-27-dtf

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In addition a FULL MILITARY BAND, in European and American Military Uniforms, under the leadership of PROF. J. H. BULLIVANT, of New York, in Grand Parade, on day of exhibition. 25¢ Tickets of Admission—Lower floor, 50¢ Gallery, 10¢ Tickets can be secured in advance without extra charge at Curtis & Co.'s. Doors open at 7.

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